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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	)	
DONALD CHOY CHANG et al.	)	Examiner: (Unknown)
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For: MODIFIED FLUORESCENT	)	
PROTEINS FOR DETECTING	)	
PROTEASE ACTIVITY	)	

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following first preliminary amendment  
in the above-referenced application filed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

[Please amend claim 27 as follows.]

27. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 11-  
15,] claim 11, said protease comprising a caspase and said method  
comprising a method of detecting apoptosis of said sample cell.

REMARKS

By way of the above first preliminary amendment, applicant  
has amended claim 27 in the above application to remove the  
multiple dependency and, more specifically, to conform with the  
filing requirements in the United States.

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